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BINATIONAL RESCUE: U.S. BORDER PATROL AND MEXICAN OFFICIALS CONDUCT A JOINT RESCUE OPERATION IN EAST COUNTY

TECATE, CALIFORNIA: Border Patrol Agents, joined by Mexican officials, conducted a joint rescue in the rugged mountainous terrain of Tecate Peak late Monday evening. The U.S. Border Patrol, Mexican Officials from Grupo Beta and members of the Mexican Civil Protection Agency rescued a stranded male migrant with a broken leg in a binational effort. The migrant sustained his injuries in Mexico while, attempting to traverse the rugged south face of Tecate Peak. Due to the rugged terrain and inaccessibility on the Mexican side of the border, the U.S. Border Patrol extended its hand to the Mexican officials, offering its resources in a humanitarian effort to rescue the injured individual.

A Mexican migrant discovered the injured male and alerted U.S. Border Patrol Agents. The migrant reported that the injured male appeared to be in distress with a possible broken leg. The Border Patrol coordinated the rescue effort with the Mexican Consulate to authorize the temporary paroling of four Mexican medical personnel into the United States.

A U.S. Border Patrol Helicopter, air lifted the Mexican medical personnel from the Tecate Port of Entry to the Tecate Truck Trail, just north of the injured individual. The medical personnel walked into the canyon, rendered medical aid, and were then airlifted back to the Tecate Port of Entry. An ambulance awaited the injured individual for transport to a Mexican hospital where he will receive extended medical treatment for a fractured right leg.

In support of the binational Border Safety Initiative, this joint rescue effort further demonstrates the working relationship between the U.S. Border Patrol and the Country of Mexico to reduce injuries and prevent the loss of life in the border area.

**Video is available at the Public Information Office until 4:00 p.m.
No further information is available at this time.**